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Thank you for considering my concerns raised in opposition to House Bill 151 and Senate Bill 132, the Save Women's Sports Act. This dangerous legislation targets an already vulnerable group of Ohio youth and denies them the often life saving opportunity to participate in sports.

Trans youth deserve to play sports, just like the children they are. They are just like your children. They have hopes and dreams, some of which involve sports. By preventing them from playing, you are telling them the gender they are is wrong and they should not be themselves. You are setting them up for bullying, harassment, and abuse from other youth and faculty. This can lead to suicide, depression, and lifelong trauma. Scientists, including psychologists, have validated trans youth for years. Why should lawmakers go against science? Your job is to protect the people and listen to the truth. By doing this, no one is helped. If it is really about preventing sexual assault, you would protect transgender people because they are more likely to face sexual abuse. You would also protect domestic violence victims more, and believe rape survivors and punish rapists more. You would also be against having a rapist, Brett Kavanaugh, on the Supreme Court. Do those things, and leave the children alone. They deserve love and respect, transgender or not.

Thank you. I urge you to oppose HB151 and SB132 and protect our state's athletes.